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| In re Application of               | : |          |
| HAFERLACH, Torsten et al.          | : |          |
| Application No.: 10/575,600        | : |          |
| PCT No.: PCT/EP04/12470            | : |          |
| Int. Filing Date: 04 November 2004 | : | DECISION |
| Priority Date: 04 November 2003    | : |          |
| Docket No.: 22335-US               | : |          |
| For: METHOD FOR DISTINGUISHING ... | : |          |
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This decision is in response to "Communication," filed in the above-captioned application on 26 May 2006.

**BACKGROUND**

On 04 November 2004, applicants filed international application PCT/EP04/12470, claiming a priority date of 04 November 2003. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office by the International Bureau on 12 May 2005. The deadline for entry into the national phase in the United States was 04 May 2006.

On 13 April 2006, applicants submitted a transmittal letter for entry into that national phase in the United States accompanied by the basic national fee.

On 26 May 2006, applicants submitted a declaration of the inventors.

**DISCUSSION**

The declaration submitted on 26 May 2006 included one "page 1 of 4," one "page 2 of 4," and two "page 3 of 4," and two "page 4 of 4." The two pages 3 and two pages 4 list the same inventors, but were separately executed. This indicates that at least two copies of the declaration were executed and that they have been pieced together to form a single composite declaration. While it is acceptable for inventors to execute separate copies of the declaration, the complete copy as executed by the inventor must be submitted. As such, the declaration fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants are required to submit an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) with TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,

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